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*Immanuel's Messenger*

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Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator*

***From the priest-in-charge***

NO-vember? From Kingsley Smith

I first heard this in elementary school in Toronto (circa 1937):

*No sun - no moon!  
No morn - no noon -  
No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.  
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful  
ease,  
No comfortable feel in any member -  
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -  
November!*

*Thomas Hood (1799-1845)*

This is the “in-between month” just about anywhere in the northern hemisphere, including the Hereford Zone. We rake up the last of our beautiful leaves, we go to “Daylight Wasting Time:” (that’s Nov. 2, in case you’ve lost track), the days are shorter and the air is colder and damper.

But some things penetrate the gloom: November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Saints’ Sunday, when we remember with a poignant sweetness those we have loved and admired who are been received back to the good earth and to the God who, we know, is the

resurrection and the life. And it ends with the exuberant delights of Thanksgiving--not just in the feast of good things but in the sheer joy of having real content to our usually casual “Thank God!”

Immanuel Church helps us through this “in-between-time” with sacramental grace. Our All Saints’ observance will center on the glorious service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m. on Nov. 2. Both then and at the morning services we will remember the faithful departed this past year in our congregation and among our families and friends. We will offer our thanks for God’s blessings through making specific and generous pledges for the support of Immanuel’s mission and ministries in time for the Congregational Meeting on Nov. 16. On Nov. 23, the last Sunday before Advent, we will have a time for each of us to offer specific prayers of gratitude for blessings received (silently if we prefer but aloud is even better); that may take some time, but what better way to spend it?

There may not be many flowers or butterflies in Glencoe in November, but if we look around us and look within ourselves, November can be a bright and fruitful season after all.

**\*\*\*Please note:** On Thanksgiving Day we are invited to join our friends at St. James' Monkton for their wonderful service at 10 a.m.

## ***Adult Education***

The Sunday 9 a.m. Bible Class in the Rectory has started well, with as many as 14 present, some who attend at 8 and some at 10:15. At their request, we are inviting the high schoolers to join us, in the expectation that teen-agers can learn from the elders--and vice versa!

The plan for November is to look at some of the "problematic texts" of the Bible, those awkward scenes, from the Garden of Eden to Armageddon, in both the Tanach (Hebrew Bible) and New Testament that raise difficulties and yet must not be ignored or explained away.

In the four December Sundays we'll study "Christmas in the New Testament," not just in Matthew and Luke but in many other texts that tell the story of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

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## ***Highlights from the Oct. 7th Vestry Meeting:***

- Stewardship letters will be mailed on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Pledge Day.
- Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> is Leaf Raking Day (9:00 AM until noon).
- The Annual Church meeting will be held on Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. Key agenda items include updating the parish on the search for an Interim priest and a review of the Church's proposed 2009 operating budget.

Nelly Perkins  
Registrar

## ***COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOV. 2***

"Of those to whom much is given, much is asked." Luke 12:48b. By taking these words of Jesus into our hearts and counting our blessings, each of us is helped to bring order to our lives.

God will guide us to realize what we can do and what we can give.

Pledges to Immanuel's operating budget are crucial in planning what this parish can do in 2009. Your responses received by Nov.9 will help determine our proposed budget. Come to the Annual Meeting Nov.16 and participate in discussions about Immanuel's future.

Cynthia Ballard  
Stewardship Chair

## ***Annual Meeting***

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 16. There will be just one service that day, at 10:00 am. The Annual Meeting will take place in the church, immediately following the service. Childcare will be available during the Meeting. Then everyone is invited to come to the Parish Hall for a pot-luck luncheon. If you can help with the set-up or clean-up, please contact Linda Ambrose. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share; the Women of Immanuel will provide the sandwiches. The agenda for the Annual Meeting will include: update on the search for a rector; election of new Vestry members and presentation of the budget for 2009. Please try to come for this important gathering of the parish.

## ***Updated Website:***

Thanks to Pam Swanson, our webmaster, and input from Gayle Hagan and Doug Whatley, our website ([www.immanuelglencoe.org](http://www.immanuelglencoe.org)) is now updated, much easier to read and with additional pages. There is plenty of space available on the site for additional pictures, e.g., Sunday school children, clean-up days, etc, so please send them to Pam Swanson ([pam@prgraphics.net](mailto:pam@prgraphics.net)).

## ***Women of Immanuel***

### **Evensong Reception, November 2, 2008**

Evensong is at 4:00 p.m. with a light reception to follow in the Rectory. The Women of Immanuel will be hosting the reception. If you can help with food, setup and/or cleanup, please call Donna Sieverts at 410-847-9155

### **Annual Meeting/Luncheon, November 16, 2008.**

There will be a potluck luncheon after the Annual Meeting. Fellow parishioners, please bring a dish to share. The Women of Immanuel will provide the main dish and beverages. If you can help setup and/or clean up, please call Linda Ambrose at 410-374-1814 or email at [thebrose55@gmail.com](mailto:thebrose55@gmail.com).

Linda Ambrose

## ***Sunday School News***

The Sunday School is busy busy busy with new projects. The Sunday School children have completed their rotation on *Creation* and the next one is *Adam and Eve*. As always, the cooking rotation of creating and eating has been especially popular. Anne Greene debuts this month as our second cooking teacher. Lynn Traynor is cooking for the third year. Check with the children to see how the snakes tasted they made at the Garden of Eden.

The Middle Schoolers are off raising money for the Crop Walk. They are putting together ideas for the Christmas season.

We are starting our fifth grade class next week.

Coleman Mettee  
Sunday School Coordinator

## ***Music Notes***

One of the ways God touches our souls is through beauty. Music can rouse our spirits, transport us to another place, and move us to tears. Soaring architecture can draw us toward the Transcendent. The Episcopal Church in particular uses hymns, poetry, architecture, and stained glass to enhance spiritual life.

Beauty is certainly one of the gifts that Immanuel Church has to offer the hamlet of Glencoe. As you drive up the lane and enter our newly renovated worship space, take a moment to view the new architectural detail of the trusses and beams, the beautiful restored pews of pine and walnut, the flower arrangements, glorious stained glass, a magnificent new organ case of walnut with beautiful gold lacquered façade pipes, the beautiful tall Mowell memorial stained glass window behind the altar that draws the eye heavenward. All of this is in a world that is harsh, but the beauty of our little church can lift people up. We are also a parish renowned for beautiful music. We are blessed to have a skilled choir that creates something very special in our improved acoustical setting.

Starting with the first Prayer Book in 1549, our Episcopal liturgy is known for the beauty of its language. Since worship is not merely verbal, we like to use vestments, stately processions, and a ritual that appeals to all our senses. Psalm 96 states "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." May the glory of God be drawn to us and to our neighbors through beautiful works of liturgical art.

We have had a very positive response from a number of parishioners regarding singing the responses at Morning Prayer services. The choir and I have noticed how well the congregation participates in this part of the service, and some have commented that they remember these from days gone by.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Evensong for All Saints at 4:00pm followed by a Royal Tea in the Rectory. Anne Somerville has graciously volunteered to coordinate the Tea, if there are those who might be able to help, please give Anne a call.

Music for November is as follows:

November 2 German Requiem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place - Brahms  
They Are At Rest - Elgar

November 2 EVENSONG: Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in G - Sumsion  
German Requiem: How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings - Brahms  
They Are At Rest - Elgar  
O Come Let Us Worship – Palestrina

Psalm 34 Tune: Edgar Day Responses - Ayleward

November 9 Not Unto Us O Lord - Walmisley

November 16 O Praise The Lord All Nations – J.S. Bach  
Thou Visitest The Earth – Maurice Greene

November 23 Te Deum in B Flat - Stanford

November 30 NO CHOIR

John Holland  
Organist-Choirmaster

## *Concert Series*

If you missed the Wine Tasting Dinner on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Manor Tavern, you missed a smashing good time! There were 37 people who attended. Our next Wine Tasting Dinner will be in March, more information on that after the first of the year.

Enormous thanks to Mary J. Moses for an extremely successful Silent Auction which ended on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Friends of Music made about \$1,100, which will go towards helping to fund the concert series. We are grateful to all who participated in signing up and contributed. We especially want to thank Mary Jo and Jim Higinbotham for donating an overnighter at their magnificently restored Bed and Breakfast in New Oxford, Pa, to the Manor Tavern for a Dinner for two, to Scott and Sue Hunter for a basket of "Cheer" (which had more people bidding on it than anything else), to Mary J. Moses for the beautiful Airplane lamp for a little boy's room, to Rudi Horner for a cart load of "goodies" that will make your garden grow, and to John Holland for offering to make (one of his "heart-burn" specialties) dinner for six to eight.

Our first concert of the year was a huge success! Henry Lowe, Organist-Choirmaster at Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, played the Inaugural Recital on our magnificent new Casavant Organ. The church was filled with not only our own parishioners, but many guests from Baltimore and surrounding areas. If you were not here, you missed the treat of the year! Thanks to Anne Somerville and her party ladies for an elegant Royal Tea.

Our next concert will be Choral Evensong for All Saints, on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm, followed by yet another Royal Tea in the Rectory, hosted by the Women of Immanuel. Music for this service is listed in the article "Music Notes" elsewhere in the newsletter. Plan now to attend this beautiful candlelight service for the end of day. The congregation will join the choir in singing familiar hymns for All Saints, and of

course it is not Evensong without C. Hubert H. Parry's "Jerusalem."

If you have not yet contributed to The Friends of Music of Immanuel Church, and would like to, we would be happy to hear from you. Make your check payable to Immanuel Episcopal Church and mark the memo line *Concert Series* or *Friends of Music*.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm the Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols.

John Vickers, Chair, Music Committee  
John Holland, Organist-Choirmaster

## ***Annual Leaf Party*** ***Saturday November 15***

Immanuel will be drenched in oak and tulip tree leaves soon as Autumn progresses. It is time to celebrate our annual event (workday? party?) to prepare Immanuel's grounds to be clean, tidy and beautiful for winter.

Our leaf rake this year is scheduled for November 15, barring steady rain (light mist rain is okay!) We begin at 9 am and finish at noon, with light refreshments. If you can join us for just an hour or the entire morning, please do bring your tools and gloves and come have fun. Some of the best conversations can be held while raking leaves!

Bring tools to work on whatever autumn task you enjoy: leaf rakes and gloves, blowers, tarps, light weeding, hedge trimming, pruning will all be needed.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Several strong scouts will stand ready to help cart your leaves to the woods. Thank you for adding to the lively work!

Katie Ritter  
Property Committee

## ***Quiet Moments At Immanuel***

The path to the stone bridge over the stream to Oldfields was freshly cleared of leaf piles, sticks and debris in time for Oldfields Founder's Day service. This lovely little walk to the stream offers a moment of quiet among tall trees.

We hope that before or after church, or during a busy weekday, you will give yourself a moment to walk down the path. When cares are great, quiet places truly serve to refresh the soul. Immanuel has stood quiet and strong for over one hundred and thirty years. May you find peace.

Katie

## ***From the Parish Register***

### *Internment*

Mrs. Junius A. McCartney

### *Baptism*

Benjamin James Vickers

*September 21, 2008*

### *Deaths*

Mary Sharp

*October 16, 2008*

## ***From the Office:***

**Reminder:** My office hours are Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You may reach me at 410-472-2828. If I am unavailable, please leave a voice message and I will return your call as soon as possible. You may also email me at: [office.imm@verizon.net](mailto:office.imm@verizon.net)

**Dary Schmidt - Your Parish Administrator**

**The key to the Rectory** has been relocated. If you need access to the Rectory during off hours, please call Dary Schmidt in the Church Office or Rudi Horner to learn where the key is now kept. Thank you.

## ***Large Coffee Cans Needed:***

Please bring in your large empty coffee cans. These are decorated and used to transport Sunday Altar flowers to our shut ins. Thank you.

## ***Food for Thought***

150 years ago the outspoken and unorthodox Christian, Soren Kierkegaard of Denmark, told a story about a man walking in Copenhagen with a dirty, rumpled suit of clothes over his arm. He saw a sign in a shop window, "Cleaning and Pressing," so he went in and asked to have his suite cleaned and pressed. The shopkeeper laughed and said, "I can't do that." "Why not? Your sign says so." Oh, you see I'm a sign-painter; I'm just about to deliver it to someone up the street."

SK says that's the way of the church. We make elegant signs...but behind them we see nothing but reflections of our own needs.

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"God loves a cheerful giver" -- literally "hilarious," like a clown at a birthday party, like lovers on their wedding day, like prisoners of war the their liberation, with a whoop of joy, with no regard for stuffy conventions, without defensiveness or calculations, singing "I once was dead and am alive, was blind, and now I see."

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God (as played by George Burns) says "God is a comedian whose audience is afraid to laugh." We are not afraid, because our Lord has said "Fear not, little flock. Rejoice and be glad."

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When luxuries become necessities, when things come before people, when goods come before God, then they are no longer "goods" but evils, and however rich we may seem to be, we are poor fools indeed.

*Submitted by the Rev. Kingsley Smith*

### ***Newsletter Deadlines***

All articles, photos, inserts, and updates are kindly requested by 2:30pm on:

**The *second Monday* of each month.**

Please give to Dary, or email to [office.imm@verizon.net](mailto:office.imm@verizon.net)

The Newsletter Team Meets

**The *third Wednesday* of each month**

1:00pm – Rectory

Following our long-standing, intentional practice, Immanuel Episcopal Church in Glencoe, Maryland, extends a warm welcome and an invitation to join us in community and worship to all people who desire to love and worship God, follow the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, and seek loving fellowship with others in His church. We extend this welcome and invitation especially to all who may have particular reason to think they may not be welcome because of physical appearance, physical or mental ability, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, financial circumstance, or past or present sins. We confess that we are not a community already perfected in love. But we want to become more fully loving, and we welcome into our community all who wish to join us in this endeavor.

## *Vestry and Officers*

Cynthia Ballard, Page Crosby, Bill Eddison, Todd Ensor,  
Gayle Hagan, Rudi Horner, Catherine Klein, Julie Metcalf,  
Nelly Perkins, Katie Ritter, Taylor Spencer, Pam Swanson,  
Fran Tilghman, Mary Frances Wagley and Doug Whatley

## *November 2008*

<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Pentecost 25 All Saints' Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>Pentecost 27 Immanuel's Annual Meeting</b>
	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I		9:00 a.m. Adult Education Class
	9:00 a.m. Adult Education Class		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II		Meeting/Luncheon
	4:00 p.m. <b>Evensong for All Saints' Day</b>	<b>Nov. 20</b>	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<b>Nov. 6</b>	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>Last Pentecost</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Pentecost 26</b>		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I		9:00 a.m. Adult Education
	9:00 a.m. Adult Education Class		10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I
	10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I	<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	7:30 p.m. <b>Vestry Meeting - Rectory</b>		10:00 a.m. Service at St. James, Monkton
<b>Nov. 13</b>	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>Nov. 27 and 28</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
		<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>Advent I</b>
			8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
			9:00 a.m. Adult Education Class
			10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I